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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Stanislaw M. KOCIMSKI  
Serial No.: 09/871,287  
Filing Date: 05/31/2001  
For: METHOD OF CHARACTERIZING A SEMICONDUCTOR SURFACE  
Examiner: Not yet assigned  
Group Art Unit No.: Not yet assigned  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This information disclosure statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) and § 1.98. The enclosed PTO-1449, together with copies of the references cited is herewith submitted for the Examiner's review and consideration in connection with the above-identified application.

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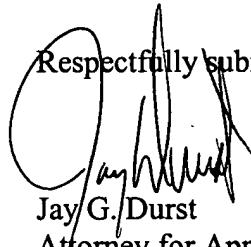
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"prior art" under United States Law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the references cited, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (414) 276-0977.

Respectfully submitted,



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